Revision of guidelines for PMGSY

894. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the new guidelines do not permit repairs to black topped or cement roads; and

(c) if so, what alternative arrangements are suggested for repairing such roads whenever necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Government have revised the Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in January, 2003.

(b) and (c) The Guidelines of the Programme (including the Revised Guidelines of January, 2003) do not permit repairs to black topped or cement roads. Repair and maintenance of all roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the State Governments.

'Swajaldhara' scheme for drinking water

895. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme christened "Swajaldhara" for providing drinking water in all the villages in the country by 2004 has been launched recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the role assigned to and